

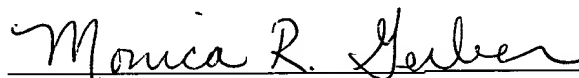
Remarks

In the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 73 – 87, 90 – 92, 96 – 97, and 142 – 151 and allowed claims 98 – 106, 109 – 119, 122 – 125, 131 – 134, and 138 – 141 of the instant patent application. As indicated above, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims and therefore respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If, at any time, it appears that a phone discussion would be helpful, the undersigned would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss any remaining issues at the Examiner's convenience. The undersigned can be contacted at (617) 248-5000 or (617) 248-5071 (direct dial).

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